



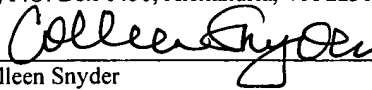
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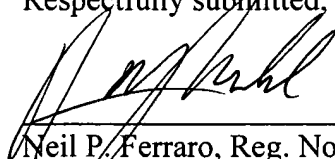
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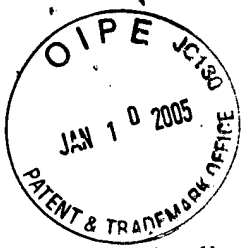
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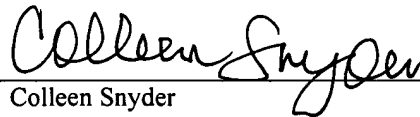
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-43, drawn to a wide-angle lens, classified in class 359, subclass 771 with an accompanying traverse.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 7, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement including claims 1-43 in Group I, claims 44-51 in Group II, claims 52-60 in Group III and claim 61 in Group IV. By the foregoing, Applicants have elected to restrict examination to claims 1-43 in Group I with an accompanying traverse.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. The restriction is based on distinct inventions as combination and subcombination. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the